

September 7, 1978

Memo to File:

Re: Andrew M. Speth  
Tungsten Mine  
ML-34601  
Box Elder County  
Pro/003/006

Mr. Speth telephoned this office on September 5th concerning his proposed tungsten mining operation. He was informed that the DOE which he had filed with us was not the appropriate form to submit and he would have to file a Notice of Intention and a complete Mining and Reclamation Plan. It was the Division's contention after visiting the site and going over the plan which was submitted to the Division of State Lands that the operation would not be exempt under the Act.

Mr. Speth stated that they only proposed to conduct the two (2) pit operations for the next 4 or 5 years and that the material extracted from the pits would run between 12 and 13 cubic feet per ton. He also stated that the access road for the most part was on private property belonging to Mr. Nick Chournos and that they should not be responsible for it. He was informed that he would be responsible for any associated surface disturbance regardless of ownership. Mr. Speth was of the opinion that he was only responsible for State land.

He was advised of the State law regarding reclamation and his responsibilities as an operator. He was further informed of the required reclamation surety and of a way to keep the disturbance and surety to a minimum by submitting his plan in phases; that is conducting the pit operation for a specified time, then reclaiming that portion before moving into the next phase such as the shaft or portal operations.

JWS  
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RECLAMATION SOILS SPECIALIST